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EDITORIAL

CONGRESSMAN ARNOLD is credited with having finally secured Postmaster Walton's appointment at Philipsburg. If that is correct he did a creditable act. It was only decency and fair play.

SLOWLY the offices are being doled out by President McKinley. The rule adopted to give all postmasters the benefit of a four years term, does not suit the more radical republicans, but it is reasonable and fair to all. Cut-throat politics don't pay.

BEFORE the election republicans asserted that all that was needed was the election of McKinley to restore confidence and improve business. That has proven a fallacy. Now our republican friends insist that we must have patience. What next will they prescribe for the people? Hard to tell.

WAIT until the people commence to pay McKinley tariff prices for necessities of life, then they will see where they are at. When you increase a man's expense of living without adding to his comforts or increase the profits of his toil, he has a just right to revolt against tariff oppression.

QUAY is at Harrisburg this week to see that his legislature is in good working condition. The Senator is also keeping his weather-eye open to knock out the Wannamaker opposition whenever and wherever it appears. Matt Quay will not be satisfied until he has John Wannamaker's political hide high and dry on his barn door. He will get it, too.

THE elections held in Ohio on Tuesday, for local offices, indicate a wonderful change of public sentiment since McKinley's election. Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and even the city of Canton were swept by democratic majorities. It is an indication of the political pulse. The era of prosperity did not arrive as was promised and the people have got their thinking caps on again.

THE last heard from the venerable Dr. Swallow is that he still has his fighting clothes on and has been making things exceedingly lively for the republican administration. Dr. Swallow has done a great work in calling the public's attention to the many bad practices and methods of squandering public funds at Harrisburg. In the Dr's case many things are quite apparent that could not be clearly and definitely proven.

EVERY man who must provide for his family should observe the following conditions. Note what has been the average cost of the leading necessities, in food and clothing, for the past few years. By about the 1st of July the new tariff will likely go into effect and prices will largely advance. The latter condition will be due to the McKinley administration. If you will approve of increasing the expense of living you should continue to vote for McKinleyism.

OUR comments last week in regard to taxing bicycles for road purposes seem to have met with considerable favorable comment. It might be difficult to have such a bill passed as it might be an unfair discrimination against the bicycle. Bicyclers are generally aroused over the bill now before the legislature and a strong effort will be made to defeat it. If a tax of any reasonable nature can be placed on bicycles, to improve our roads; we would encourage it heartily. Good roads are needed.

BELLEFONTE merchants assure us that the prices of all woolen goods have materially advanced since the Dingley tariff bill has been under discussion. Cloths suitable for mens clothing have advanced from 50 to 75 cents per yard with the wholesaler, and in a short time the retailer will be compelled to do the same and eventually the consumer will pay the tax. If the Dingley bill passes there will be a decided advance in the price of all necessities of life. This additional cost will be an extra profit collected by the rich corporations and trusts, and manufacturers. They produced the funds for McKinley's campaign fund. In the end the people must pay the bills. Farmer, laboringman, producer, can't you see the point?

It does seem that the part being played by the European powers in opposing the Greeks on the island of Crete is an outrage. For centuries the cruel hand of the Turk has made the far East crimsoned with the blood of Christians who were heartless cut down and their homes destroyed all from religious prejudice. At last Greece, the very smallest of the European nations arose and in the name of humanity determined to call the Turk and his government to account and invaded the island of Crete to check the slaughter and pillaging of Christian homes. No sooner was this heroic step taken than all the navies of Europe appeared on the scene to check the Grecian forces and protect the cruel Turk. It does not seem that Christian nations should ever take such a course.

OF INTEREST TO WHEELMEN!

Through the strenuous efforts of the League of American Wheelmen the Penna. Railroad has dropped all charges for the carrying of bicycles with passengers and will now carry an uncrated wheel free as baggage provided there is no other baggage. Many bicycle riders are not members of the League of American Wheelmen but should be for the above and the following reasons.

It is more likely that they will enjoy riding over many stretches of highway that have been made pleasurable through the efforts of the League.

They will be accorded the rights of the road and find the driving public respecting the bicycle and turning out for it as for any other vehicle, because the League has caused the enactment of laws that have taught the public to respect wheelmen's rights.

They will travel on railway and steamship lines that will transport their bicycles for little or no charge, and without the bother of crating or boxing their machines, because the League has looked after their interests.

They may have access to a friend's borrowed road book or maps that the League has prepared for its members at great expense.

They may secure extra accommodations at hotels and at a reduced rate because the League has concerned itself with such matters.

They may enjoy many other rights and privileges, redounding to their profit, financially and socially, without paying a cent for it.

BUT OTHERS ARE PAYING FOR IT.

Do you as wheelmen think you should enjoy all these benefits and contribute nothing towards attaining the goal, and would you not have a happier conscience if you belonged. Then join without delay.

Many primary benefits for those joining the Penna. division are as follows: A bright, well edited, weekly magazine full of good ideas and suggestions for the cyclist free. A complete set of road maps of the state with minute details of the roads compiled at great expense, free. Reduced rates at numerous hotels. Reduced rates for bicycle repairs and many minor advantages too numerous to mention and the added knowledge that in union there is strength to combat disagreeable laws and push Good Roads legislation. Another thing of great importance is the guaranteeing of full legal protection of your rights as a cyclist.

Join the League at once, delays are fatal, the cost is light, only \$2 the first year and \$1 per year thereafter with all the above named advantages free.

For information, application blanks, and any particulars apply by postal or in person to Geo. T. Bush Bellefonte, Pa. or Jacob Gross Bellefonte, Pa.

From Millheim.

Rev. E. D. Kuhn came home, on Monday to tie the matrimonial knot between his sister Kate, of this place, and Wm. King, of Hartleton, Union Co. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, on Tuesday, after which the party moved to the groom's home. Thus one by one our young ladies are leaving Millheim.

Messrs A. A. Frank and J. T. Condo, two of our merchants in company with J. H. Deibler, are this week in the city purchasing their spring stock with which to supply the demands of their many customers.

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About the Contest.

The Patron in its last issue has the following to say about the recent sheriff contest and the disposition of the costs: "If the court had placed the costs in the above case upon the petitioners, it would have had a restraining influence in the future, and made petitioners a little more careful in making allegations of illegality and fraud. From the decision of the Court, public opinion appeals."

That is about the sensible view of matters, as most people see it.

Millinery Opening.

Mrs. Gilmour, the Allegheny street millinery, will have her annual Spring opening for the display of the latest styles in millinery, on Wednesday and Thursday of April 14th and 15th. The ladies are invited to call and see the many nice things that will be worn this season. Remember the place—Mrs Gilmour's store, in Brockerhoff House Block, Bellefonte, Pa.

Will Visit Howard.

In order to accommodate patients, Dr. Salm the specialist will visit Howard regularly and be at the Syracuse House to meet all who wish to consult him. His next trip to that point will be on Monday April 26th. See his advertisement for more definite information.

—To cure a cough or cold, in one day, take Krumrine's Compound Syrup of Tar. If it fails to cure, money refunded.

—Fauble has something interesting to say about spring clothing in another column.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Hamilton Road Bill Now Receiving Special Consideration.

THE COMING STATE ELECTION.

Republican Legislators Actively Cannvassing for Their Favorites—Gubernatorial Candidates Already Being Boomed—May Not Take a Holiday.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, April 6.—Beyond the passage of a number of bills on first and second reading and a few finally, but little was accomplished by the house of representatives during the few days they were in session last week. A number of bills that are on the calendar are being worked for very industriously by their enterprising projectors, with a hope of eventually securing their final passage. Among those that are being pushed by their framers are what is known as the French salary bill. By the provisions of this measure the salaries of county officials are to be based on what is believed to be a more equitable basis. It provides that the state be divided into counties of first, second and third classes, etc., and that in a county having a population of over 150,000 the district attorney shall receive \$4,000 salary, sheriff \$2,500, prothonotaries \$2,000, clerk of courts \$2,500, treasurer \$4,000, commissioners \$1,500 each, and auditors \$500 each; this to constitute a county of the third class. In a county containing over 100,000 and less than 150,000, the salaries of the county officials are to be as follows: District attorney, \$4,000; sheriff, \$2,000; prothonotaries, \$2,500; clerk of courts, \$2,500; register, \$2,500; recorder, \$2,500; treasurer, \$2,500; commissioners, \$1,200 each, and auditors \$250. The counties of the sixth class are those having less than 50,000 population, and the salaries in these are to be: For district attorney, \$2,000; sheriff, \$2,500; prothonotary, \$1,500; clerk of court, \$1,200; treasurer, \$1,500; commissioners, \$600 each; surveyor, \$100; auditors, \$150 each, and coroner, \$250. The bill also provides that all fees collected by county officials, in addition to their salaries, are to be turned over to either the county or state.

The Hamilton Road Bill.

The Hamilton road bill is now receiving special consideration and is growing in popularity. The objections that have been made to it in some of the country districts have now been met—when a comparison is made between the expenses incurred in the operation of the present law. By a careful investigation it is found that the Hamilton, or senate bill No. 9, will effect a saving to the taxpayers of \$220,831, because the present system of supervision costs for the salaries of 2,239 supervisors an average of \$150 each annually, which makes a total of \$444,500. The Hamilton road bill would allow to each supervisor only \$24 for the supervision of each township. In Pennsylvania there are 1,528 townships, making the total cost of supervision under the Hamilton bill \$36,672, while the salary of the treasurer of the board under this same law cannot exceed 5 per cent of the money tax collected, and may be fixed at a little lower sum. The entire road tax in Pennsylvania in 1895 amounted to \$3,622,708. By the Hamilton bill one-half of this sum would be payable in cash. If the maximum sum of 5 per cent were allowed it would make the salaries of all the supervisors of the boards of supervisors in the commonwealth \$15,567. This sum, added to the supervisors' salaries, would amount to \$158,619 as the total cost of supervision for the state under the Hamilton law. Thus it is plain to be seen that, instead of increasing the tax on the farmers, a saving would be effected of \$225,831. The present system of taxation for road purposes costs 13 4-10 per cent for road supervision, while by the Hamilton law it would cost only 4 1-10 per cent, thereby saving 9 1-10 per cent to the taxpayers.

The owners of bicycles are very much excited over the introduction of a bill to impose a tax on each bicycle in the commonwealth, the proceeds of which are to be used for the improvement of the public roads. They are bringing very considerable pressure to bear against the passage of this bill, and they have very just ground for complaint. They claim that, by the present wasteful and extravagant system of roadmaking, no amount of money expended would be of much benefit to the public roads of the state. They say they are not opposed to the payment of a tax on bicycles if the state had any systematic system of improving the highways that was in any way keeping with judicious and substantial improvement, but unless there is a better system adopted they will contend bitterly against imposing any tax on their wheels.

Electric Light Legislation.

Since the introduction of the electric light there has been a disposition among the members to legislate in respect to fixing the price of this illuminant. Several bills have been introduced recently which, if they become laws, would drive this system of lighting out of the market. Such legislation as this has a tendency to check the introduction of improvements, which is greatly to be deplored. The committee of public grounds and buildings of the house, in their report to Speaker Boyer in reference to the special message of Governor Hastings concerning the necessity for legislative action providing for the erection of a capitol building, claim they find that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is practically free from debt. They assume that existing provisions for the sinking fund will redeem all of its outstanding obligations as they mature. In view of this they recommend that the state is justifiable in the expenditure of not less than \$1,000,000, but not to exceed this amount, for the erection of a new capitol building. It looks now as if this will be the amount that will be eventually agreed upon. In their report this committee recommend that in order to provide for the proposed expenditure by taxation, a slight increase on the existing rate of corporation tax, the enactment by law of a succession tax on inheritance of every kind above a moderate figure, and a tax on beer, an article of luxury and of very general use, would provide ample revenue for the raising of the amount required to build a new capitol within the next two years. They also recommend that action be taken speedily to secure the erection, completion, decoration

and furnishing of a fireproof capitol building, to be ready for occupancy by the time the next legislature convenes.

Interest in the Coming Election.

There is very considerable interest taken at the present time among the Republican members in reference to the candidates for state treasurer and auditor general, and while James S. Beason, of Westmoreland county, has a number of friends who are anxious to have him secure the nomination, yet R. H. Shindel, of York, is growing rapidly in popularity, and it is thought will muster a good force of delegates by the time the convention meets.

The Wannamaker people are anxiously awaiting on his decision as to whether he will be a candidate for state treasurer, and if he consents to enter the race they will combine their efforts to secure his nomination.

Of the candidates for auditor general, Mr. Gobin is apparently much in the lead. General Gobin's excellent war record, his wide acquaintance over the state and the great popularity he enjoys, as well as his special fitness for the position, all combine to give him great prestige in the canvass. However, the friends of Mr. Hardenberg are actively working in his interests.

From present indications this promises to be a most interesting week in legislative circles. One of the first subjects to receive attention at the next meeting of the senate will be the disposition of the case of Dr. Swallow, who has refused to give information to the committee of investigation concerning the capitol fire.

From the efforts of Dr. Swallow, assisted by a number of mechanics and others in the inspection of the ruins of the old capitol building, he means to be prepared for the contest that awaits him.

There were no bills reached the governor during the week, but a number will be sent to him during this week.

There is now some doubt whether there will be a holiday taken to attend the dedication of the Grant monument on the 27th of the month, as a large number of the members think that they have no time for any more holidays if they expect to adjourn in any reasonable time.

Many Candidates for Governor. Almost every week some new aspirant for the governorship of Pennsylvania is announced. The number now in the field would average at least one to each county in the commonwealth to each county.

The remarkable feature is that each and all are in dead earnest, and are not working in the interests of others. This is regarded as a very healthy condition in state politics, and it is thought will result in the selection of a candidate that has no special political affiliations.

These bills passed finally in the house during the week: To punish the loan, gift, sale or distribution of immoral writings, etc., and of all drugs for criminal purposes; punishing the sending of anonymous communications of a libelous, defamatory, scurrilous or opprobrious nature; granting the permission and regulating the establishment and operation of bone boiling establishments and depositories of dead animals; amending the act of April 9, 1870, to require telephone companies to file annual reports with the secretary of internal affairs; to provide for the laying out of private roads under the surface of intervening land or lands to coal, iron ore, freeclay or other minerals underlying adjacent land or lands, necessary for the turning of wagons and teams; repealing the act relative to road laws in Peters township, Washington county; appropriating \$200,000 to provide for the care and treatment of indigent insane; providing counties for the destruction of wildcats, foxes, minks, hawks, owls and weasels; providing for the making of a sworn copy of book accounts kept by any common carrier, railroad company, chartered, storage or transportation company, or other public corporation doing business in this state, prima facie evidence in any suit or action in which such accounts are involved in an issue.

The following bills were defeated: To create a state bureau of geology and mines, providing for the acceptance of the provisions of the act of April 4, 1872, relative to the incorporation and regulation of insurance companies and its supplements, by corporations organized under the laws of this state, and authorizing reinsurance by such companies; giving authority to justices of the peace to hear and determine certain criminal offenses and misdemeanors by the aid of a jury.

Bills Which May be Reconsidered.

The bill to fix the medium school term at seven months, and the Smith libel bill, which met with defeat a few weeks ago, will doubtless be reconsidered this week. One of the most important measures introduced in the house during the past week was a bill of less than a dozen lines in length, and yet one of very considerable importance to the city of Philadelphia. It provides for the abolition of the present public buildings commission of Philadelphia. A bill was passed at a former session to wipe out this commission, but the supreme court declared the bill unconstitutional, on the ground that it embraced two subjects. The bill recently introduced is very simple, and its phraseology has no involved technical terms. It is claimed that the Philadelphia public buildings commission has become so notorious that the citizens of the Quaker city want it abolished, as it has squandered the people's money in a most reckless way. The letting of the last contract to a bidder who was over \$100,000 above the next responsible bidder was an act that has developed great indignation among the people, and hence a concerted movement has developed to have the commission destroyed.

A number of bills of special importance will be brought up for consideration that will no doubt provoke very considerable discussion. Senator Quay, it is reported, will spend a day or two here during the week, and will no doubt confer with his friends during his visit concerning the measures he would like to see enacted into laws. It is also thought that his coming will settle the question as to who will be the most popular and suitable candidates for the offices of state treasurer and auditor general. In view of his coming a number of prominent persons are expected to confer with him in regard to political affairs generally. Considerable pressure will no doubt be brought to bear upon him by many applicants for federal positions to secure his indorsement.

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